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E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, FR, JA, XF
SUBJECT: CHIRAC VISIT TO JAPAN: MIDEAST
DISCUSSIONS

REF: PARIS 21033 (NOTAL)

1. ACCORDING TO JAPANESE EMBOFF URABE, TOKYO EXPECTS THAT BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS DURING PM CHIRAC'S JULY 29 - AUGUST 3 VISIT TO JAPAN WILL COVER A BROAD RANGE OF POLITICAL TOPICS, WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO NORTH-SOUTH AND MIDEAST QUESTIONS. URABE SAID JAPAN'S DEPENDENCE ON MIDEAST OIL IS THE BASIS OF ITS PRO-ARAB TILT. JAPAN, HE SAID, WANTS TO KEEP IN STEP WITH THE MOST SYMPATHETIC EUROPEAN POWER (FRANCE) IN MOVES TOWARDS THE PLO, AND THUS WISHES TO DISCUSS THE DIVER-GENCE IN THE TWO COUNTRIES' VOTES IN THE UNSC LAST JANUARY. (WE ASSUME HE WAS REFERRING TO THE FRENCH VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE UK SUB-AMENDMENT ON WHICH JAPAN ABSTAINED.)
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2. COMMENT: WE NOTE THE DIVERGENCEBETWEEN URABE'S DESCRIPTION OF TOKYO'S POSITION VIS A VIS THE EUROPEANS AND THAT CONTAINED IN PARA 16 OF TOKYO 11065. WE SUSPECT, IN ANY CASE, THAT CHIRAC WILL MAKE NO EFFORT TO HAVE JAPAN ALIGN ITS POSITION ON THAT OF THE FRENCH BUT, RATHER, WILL ENCOURAGE THE JAPANESE TO STAY ONE STEP AHEAD OF THEM IN ACCOMMODATING THE ARABS.
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